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SUBJECT: CYPUS: INFORMAL MEETING ON MILITARY AND POLITICAL  
SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO CYPUS

1. ASST SEC GEN KASTL HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING IN  
HIS OFFICE AT 1500 HRS, 21 JULY 74, AT SUG LUNS' INSTRUCTION  
(SEE SEPTTEL), TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE MILITARY SITUATION  
RELATING TO CYPRUS, POLITICAL ACTIONS ADIMED AT ACHIEVING  
A CEASE FIRE, AND PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS  
FROM CYPRUS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM MOST ALLIED NATIONS WERE  
PRESENT EXCEPT ICELAND, GREECE AND TURKEY. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD  
THAT THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL MEETING BUT ONLY AN EXCHANGE OF  
INFORMATION AMONG THOSE NOT INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING ON CYPRUS.

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2. IMS INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR (MG FOURNAIS) BEGAN WITH A BRIEF-  
ING ON THE STATUS OF THE WARSAW PACT FORCES, DRAWING HEAVILY  
FROM US INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED TO NATO. USNATO DEP DEFENSE  
ADVISOR (B/G BOWMAN) THEN COVERED THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS AS

UNDERSTOOD BY THE US MISSION INCLUDING REPORTS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT SETBACKS IN THE VARIOUS ENCLAVES. HE ALSO COVERED MOVEMENT OF US MILITARY FORCES TO PERMIT ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION, IF NEEDED.

3. UK DCM (LOGAN) BRIEFED ON UK EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF THE UK, GREECE AND TURKEY IN LONDON. USNATO POLAD (GOODBY) COVERED IN GENERAL TERMS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING A CEASE FIRE.

4. UK REP (COL NUIR) THEN OUTLINED UK EVACUATION PLANS INCLUDING PROGRESS OF THE CONVOY MOVING FROM NICOSIA TO DHEKELIA, SO FAR WITHOUT INCIDENT. HE INDICATED THAT PERSONNEL FROM THE UK-NICOSIA AIR STATION WERE BEING EVACUATED IN THE CONVOY. CONVOY IS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE 4,000 REFUGEES OF MANY NATIONALITIES. UK HAS CLEARED ITS OWN CITIZENS AND PROBABLY MANY OF OTHER NATIONS FROM LIMASSOL, LARNACA AND FAMAGUSTA. FRANCE AND SWEDEN ARE PLANNING A CIVILAIN AIRLIFT FROM AKROTIRI.

5. DURING DISCUSSIONS THAT FOLLOWED BRIEFINGS, FRG (RANTZAU) ASKED WHY THE TURKS HAD MADE SO LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARD TAKING THE ISLAND IN LIGHT OF THE BRIEFING GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (SIR PETER HILL-NORTON) ON 20 JULY WHICH INDICATED THAT TURKISH FORCES WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO QUICKLY DEFEAT GREEK CYPRIOTS. CONSENSUS OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT TURKISH LANDING FORCE WAS NOT AS LARGE AS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED; THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD RALLIED AGAINST THE TURKS, WHETHER FOR OR AGAINST MAKARIOS; AND THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT AREAS WERE PERHAPS MORE VULNERABLE THAN EXPECTED.

6. FRG REP ALSO ASKED WHY REPORTS OF THE SITUATION HAD BEEN SO FEW IN VIEW OF PRESENCE OF US 6TH FLEET AND BRITISH FORCES ON CYPRUS WHICH SHOULD HAVE A GOOD REPORTING CAPABILITY. UK AND US REPS, AS WELL AS ASG KASTL, POINTED OUT THAT A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION IS DIFFICULT SINCE OBJECTIVE WAS TO KEEP OTHER ALLIED FORCES FROM BEING INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING OR  
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FROM BEING CHARGED WITH INTERFERENCE. AS A RESULT, INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WERE LIMITED CHIEFLY TO OBSERVATIONS BY UN FORCES, MILITARY ATTACHES, RETIRED MILITARY WHO HAPPENED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA, ETC. THE FRG, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR KRAPF, APPEARED TO BE REASSURED BY THIS DISCUSSION.

7. UK DCM (LOGAN) SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE TURKS HAD GAMBLED ON A QUICK VICTORY OVER THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THEIR JUDGEMENT PROVED WRONG. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION A CEASE FIRE SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE GREEKS AND TURKS SINCE NEITHER SIDE HAD CLEARLY WON OUT ON CYPRUS, AND THAT IT WAS CRITICAL TO ACHIEVE A CEASE FIRE BEFORE EITHER GREEK OR TURKISH REINFORCEMENTS COULD ARRIVE

ON CYPRUS.

8. AT THE END OF THE MEETING FRG (KRAPF) INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT 129 GREEK OFFICERS WERE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM SHAPE TONIGHT. KASTL INDICATED THAT THE SYG WAS AWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE GREECE THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THESE OFFICERS SHOULD BE LEFT AT SHAPE. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR HAD AGREED TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM ATHENS. THE UK (LOGAN) EMPHASIZED THAT ANY GREEK WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL FROM SHAPE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONTEXT OF GREEK TOTAL MOBILIZATION RATHER THAN AS AN INDICATION THAT THEY WERE WITHDRAWING FROM NATO SINCE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN MADE.  
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